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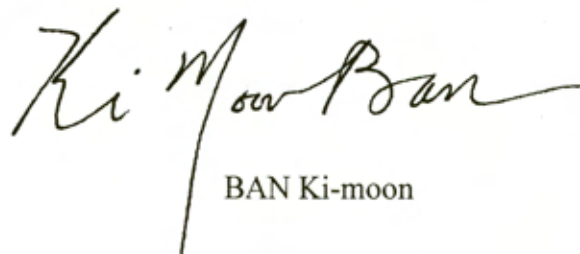
I wish to express my sincere gratitude for your Government's voluntary contribution to the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) for the year 2011, received on 23 August 2011, in the amount of five million US dollars. Sustained support from the United States for UNDEF is particularly important in this crucial and historic year for democratization efforts worldwide.

The Fund embarks on its Fifth Round of Funding, for which it received a record number of over 3,700 project proposals. This number represents almost double the average than in previous years, and points to a steeply increasing demand worldwide for grants from the Fund.

With continued leadership from the United States and other Governments, UNDEF is able to strengthen the voice of civil society in building democratic institutions, promoting human rights and ensuring the participation of all groups in democratic processes. In this way, the Fund plays a distinct role in complementing other United Nations efforts to strengthen democratic governance around the world.

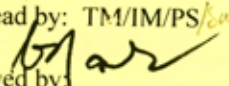
It is heartening to know that we can count on your Government's continued engagement in this critical endeavour.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



BAN Ki-moon

His Excellency
Mr. Barack Obama
President of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Thank you letter for US
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